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TRANSLITERATION

Consonants

ء	'	ض	d
ب	b	ط	t
ت	t	ظ	th
ث	th	ع	'
ج	j	غ	gh
ح	h	ف	f
خ	kh	ق	q
د	d	ك	k
ذ	th	ل	l
ر	r	م	m
ز	z	ن	n
س	s	ه	h
ش	sh	و	w
ص	s	ي	y

Vowels

ا	aa
و	oo
ي	ee

Diphthongs

او	aw
اي	ay

PREFACE

All praises are due to Allah ﷻ, Lord of the worlds. Surely the best reward in the next life is for those who have "Taqwa" and surely there is no animosity except for the oppressor. I bear witness that Allah ﷻ is One and has no partners, and that Muḥammad ﷺ, the son of 'Abdullah, is His servant and last Messenger. May Allah ﷻ send His choicest Blessings and Peace upon our beloved Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, his family, his Companions, and all those who call to his way and establish his Sunnah till the Day of Judgement. As to what follows:

Islam has taken a firm hold in the Western world during the past thirty years. Those who have been involved in the propagation and establishment of Islam recognize that the greatest enemy to Islamic growth has not been military or political. The greatest threat has come, primarily, from the new and sophisticated tactic of "Confuse and Conquer". The opponents of Islam have spent millions of dollars convening conferences, publishing books, producing television and radio specials, releasing Hollywood anti-Islamic fantasies and supporting deviant forms of Islam.

Despite this tidal wave of confusion, Islam continues to spread. Young people, especially in the United States, see Islam as a type of alternative culture, or as a spiritual sanctuary. The main obstacle left in the rapid growth and development of Islam is the Muslims, themselves. Fanaticism, tribalism, racism, class conflict, petty power disputes, lack of respect for women, and uncontrolled egoism, have

marred Muslims' efforts in forming viable national organizations, and functioning local Masjids and Islamic centers.

Allah ﷻ tells us very clearly in Surah Ra'd, verse 11:

"Verily Allah ﷻ will not change the condition of a people until they change that which is in themselves."

After twenty years in the field of Da'wah and Islamic guidance, I have come to the conclusion that our success in Islam in these confusing times is based on purifying our relationship with Almighty Allah ﷻ and changing our un-Islamic ideas, habits and cultural baggage.

Reviewing my Friday Khutbahs over the past two decades, I found a number of Aḥaadeeth constantly repeating themselves in the solutions to the problems that the Muslim community was facing. So, when I was approached, sometime ago, to put together a collection of Aḥaadeeth which were authentic, and which would be the most effective in bringing about the revival of Islam within ourselves and our communities, my response was this book.

A number of collections of Forty Aḥaadeeth have been written by renowned scholars such as Imam An-Nawawi and Imam Ibn Hajar al-Asqalaani. Recent works such as the Forty Hadeeth of Sheikh 'Alee Hasan 'Alee 'Abdul Hameed have also been of great benefit to the Ummah. This set, like the others preceding it, is only a reflection of the undying legacy of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. It is not meant to rival the previous works, but to compliment them and provide, for the Muslims of the twenty-first century, valuable reminders of the reality of the Muslim world and the struggle within ourselves. It is

hoped that these Ahaadeeth can answer some of the questions posed by people who are embracing Islam or renewing their inherited faith.

I pray that Allah ﷻ will bless, through this humble effort, my mother who embraced Islam before her death, my wife, Kareema, who has been my most enlightened advisor and companion and my children, whom I pray, will carry on the struggle for Islam after my death. Surely Allah ﷻ is the hearer of our prayers and He has power over all things.

Al-Faqeer ila-Allah ﷻ, Shaykh 'Abdullah Hakim Quick
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HADEETH ONE

ON INTENTIONS

'Umar ibn Al-Khattaab ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

"إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنِّيَّاتِ وَإِنَّمَا لِكُلِّ امْرِئٍ مَّا نَوَىٰ فَمَنْ كَانَتْ هِجْرَتُهُ إِلَىٰ دُنْيَا يُصِيبُهَا أَوْ إِلَىٰ امْرَأَةٍ يَنْكِحُهَا فَهِجْرَتُهُ إِلَىٰ مَا هَاجَرَ إِلَيْهِ." (متفق عليه) واللفظ للبخاري

"Surely actions are based on intentions and surely every person will get what he intends. So whoever has migrated to achieve a worldly goal, or in order to get married to a woman, then his migration will be for exactly what he intends." ("Agreed Upon" i.e. by al-Bukhari and Muslim)¹.

Commentary:

Intentions are the basis for all actions. People who have entered Islam for the love of a woman or a man should remember that their partner did not bring them to Islam. It is Allah ﷻ, himself, who guides people. We are only instruments in His will. Those who have migrated to the West in order to gain wealth or to further their education should be reminded that Allah ﷻ is the Lord of the East and the West. We are accountable for our Islam in all countries. Death can overtake us at any moment and in any part of the planet.

¹ This Hadeeth was related by 'Umar ibn Al Khattab. See *Al Lu'Lu wal Marjaan fima'a-Tafaqah Alayhi As Shaykhaan* (printed by Darul Jeel) Vol.1, p.1.

HADEETH TWO

ON THE NATURE OF THE ISLAMIC NATION

Aboo Hurayrah ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said,

"أُمَّتِي هَذِهِ أُمَّةٌ مَرْحُومَةٌ لَيْسَ عَلَيْهَا عَذَابٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابُهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا الْفِتْنُ وَالزَّلَازِلُ وَالْقَتْلُ".

(رواه أبو داود في سننه وابن ماجه و أحمد بن حنبل في مسنده و الحاكم أيضاً)

"This, my Ummah, is a nation that has mercy on it. Its punishment will not be in the Hereafter, but in this life. That being fitan², earthquakes, and murder."³

Commentary:

Many people wonder why Muslims are suffering so much in the lands of Islam. These trials are punishment and purification for the corruption and oppression that exists within our Ummah. We should take heed from these tribulations and make constant tawbah (repentance) to Allah ﷻ. Maybe through our seeking mercy and not returning to our wrong actions, the calamities can be lifted. We can no longer only blame the West or the disbelievers for the calamities and crises that have befallen us. Islam is a complete way of life that is viable in all environments at all times, and when practised accordingly, will lead to success, victory and peace.

² *Fitan*, the plural of *Fitnah*, can refer to a trial, tribulation, punishment, temptation, confusion or calamity or wars between Muslims

³ This Hadeeth is reported in *Sunan Aboo Dawood*, *Ibn Majah*, and *Musnad ibn Hanbal*. *Al Haakim*, also, reported and authenticated it. Ath-Thahabi confirmed this position. See 'Aun al-Ma'bood of ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyyah, vol.11, Hadeeth #4258.

HADEETH THREE

ON THE INTERNATIONAL ATTACK ON MUSLIMS

Thawbaan ؓ reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

"يُوشِكُ الْأُمَمُ أَنْ تَدَاعَى عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا تَدَاعَى الْأَكَلَةُ إِلَى قَصْعَتِهَا. فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ: وَمَنْ قَلَّةٌ نَحْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ؟ قَالَ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ كَثِيرٌ! وَلَكِنَّكُمْ غُثَاءٌ كَغُثَاءِ السَّيْلِ، وَلَيَنْزَعَنَّ اللَّهُ مِنْ صُدُورِ عَدُوِّكُمْ الْمَهَابَةَ مِنْكُمْ وَلَيَقْذِفَنَّ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمُ الْوَهْنَ فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَمَا الْوَهْنُ؟ قَالَ: "حُبُّ الدُّنْيَا وَكَرَاهِيَةُ الْمَوْتِ" (رواه أبو داود وقال حديث حسن صحيح)

"The nations are about to call one another and descend upon you just as those who are eating invite others in sharing their food. Someone asked, "Will that be because we are few in number at that time?" He answered, "No, at that time you will be numerous. But you will be froth/scum carried by the torrent. Allah ﷻ will remove the fear of you from the hearts of your enemies and will put a weakness into your hearts". Then someone asked, "What is that weakness?" He replied, "Love of the world and hatred of death." (Reported in Aboo Dawood and he said that it is authentic - Hasan-Saheeh).